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Applicants are in receipt of a Restriction Requirement mailed September 26, 2006 in which three allegedly distinct inventions are identified as follows:

Group I – claims 1-19;

Group II – claims 20-52; and

Group III – claims 53-70.

In addition, the Examiner requires that, if either Group I or Group II is elected, then that Group is to be subjected to the following species restriction:

(i) electroplating; and

(ii) electrochemical mechanical deposition.

I. **ELECTION OF INVENTION**

Applicant hereby elects without traverse to prosecute the claims of Group I, that is, claims 1-19.

II. **ELECTION OF A SINGLE DISCLOSED SPECIES**

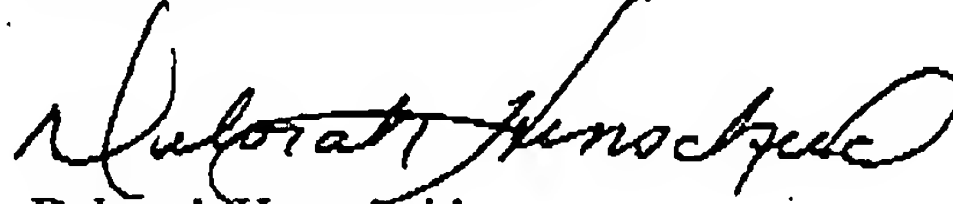
Applicant hereby elects without traverse to prosecute the claims of Group I as related to species (ii), that is, electrochemical mechanical deposition. Claims 1-16 and 18-19 are readable on the elected species.

Should the Examiner have any questions or wish to further discuss this application, Applicant requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned at (480) 385-5060.

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If for some reason Applicants have not requested a sufficient extension and/or have not paid a sufficient fee for this response or for the extension necessary to prevent abandonment on this application, please consider this as a request for an extension for the required time period and/or authorization to charge deposit account no. 50-2091 for any fee which may be due.

Respectfully submitted,



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